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SUBJECT: CONTINUING SOVIET INTEREST IN FEBRUARY ECPC

ACCORDING TO A MEMBER OF THE GDR INSTITUTE OF
POLITICS AND ECONOMICS CLOSE TO THE GDR DRAFTING
COMMITTEE, THE SOVIETS AND EAST GERMANS STILL HOPE TO
CONVENE THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE BEFORE THE
CPSU 25TH CONGRESS IN FEBRUARY. THE INSTITUTE SOURCE
STRESSED THE SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE
SOVIET DESIRE TO HAVE THE MEETING IN FEBRUARY IN ORDER TO
FACILITATE A REAFFIRMATION OF BREZHNEV'S POLICIES AT THE
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CPSU CONGRESS. HE SAID AN IMPASSE HAD BEEN REACHED

IN DECEMBER ON FIVE OR SIX MAJOR POINTS IN THE ECPC DRAFTING COMMITTEE, INCLUDING ON A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN WESTERN EUROPE, ADDING THAT THE SOVIETS AND EAST GERMANS WOULD NOW ADVOCATE SIMPLY LEAVING OUT ALL SECTIONS OF THE DOCUMENT ON WHICH THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT AND WOULD SETTLE FOR A VAGUE APPEAL RATHER THAN A PROGRAMMATIC DOCUMENT. THROUGH THIS TACTIC THE GDR WOULD TRY TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS ON A SHORTENED TEXT AT THE NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING IN THE FIRST HALF OF JANUARY TO ALLOW A QUICK TWO OR THREE DAY CONFERENCE IN EAST BERLIN IN THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY. THE SOURCE FELT THAT ALTHOUGH THEY STRONGLY DESIRED TO HOLD THE CONFERENCE BEFORE THE 25TH CPSU CONGRESS, THE SOVIETS WOULD RELUCTANTLY ACQUIESCE TO CONVENING THE CONFERENCE LATER IN THE SPRING IF THE ALTERNATIVE WERE NO MEETING AT ALL. GROVE

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